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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.

**DATE:** April 28, 2003

**SUBJECT:** 2003-04 Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Application

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of the Homeless Students' Assistance grant application for the 2003-04 school year. These grants are funded under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act*, Title X, Part C of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant will be awarded to local school districts, intermediate school districts, and public school academies for projects that:

- facilitate the attendance and success in school of homeless children and youth;
- demonstrate innovative methods of eliminating barriers to enrollment; and
- encompass a large service area and coordinate services to avoid duplication of effort.

The McKinney-Vento grant funds may be used for supplementary instruction, materials and supplies, referral services, transportation, obtaining student records, professional development, and other costs related to meeting the needs of homeless students that are not ordinarily provided by the school district.

The grant application, criteria and instructions will be posted on the Department's website at [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde) by approximately May 1, 2003. Select "Grants." Next, click on the "Michigan Electronic Grant Systems (MEGS)." Then click on "Login to MEGS."

If you have any questions about the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant, please contact MaryAlice Galloway, Supervisor, Central Support, at 517-373-3921 or 517-373-6057.

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